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Dear Mr. Mazaheri,

**Heritage NSW - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage - Major Projects – New Request for Advice - Tomingley Gold Extension Project (SSD-9176045) (Narromine Shire)**

Thank you for your referral dated 25 February 2022, inviting comments on the on the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on the above State Significant Development (SSD) proposal, with respect to Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Heritage NSW (HNSW) has reviewed the *Tomingley Gold Extension Project - Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report - Major Project Application No. PA 09\_0155 Part 10a, OzArk Environment & Heritage Pty Ltd, December 2021*, and makes the following comments.

Heritage NSW understands that OzArk Environment & Heritage (OzArk) were engaged by RW Corkery & Co Pty Limited, on behalf of Tomingley Gold Operations Pty Ltd (the Applicant), to complete an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Assessment Report (ACHAR) for the proposed Tomingley Gold Extension Project (the Project), for the San Antonio Roswell deposits (SAR). The Project is located immediately to the south of the village of Tomingley in central western NSW and is located within the Narromine Local Government Area. The purpose of the ACHAR is to form part of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), being prepared by RW Corkery & Co Pty Limited, to accompany an application for development consent under Division 4.1 and 4.7 of Part 4 of the Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979 (EP&A Act) for the Project.

Heritage NSW notes that the ACHAR has been undertaken in accordance with the Secretary's Environmental Assessment Requirements (SEARs), the *Guide to investigating, Assessing and Reporting on Aboriginal Cultural Heritage in NSW*, and the *Code of Practice for the Investigation of Aboriginal Objects in NSW*, and that the assessment of the Study Area took place with the assistance of Registered Aboriginal Parties (RAPs). The fieldwork component, in relation to Aboriginal cultural heritage was undertaken on 6 to 10 July 2020, 17 July 2020, 1 and 2 September 2020, 26 February 2021.

Heritage NSW understands that as a result of the field survey - 39 Aboriginal cultural heritage sites were recorded, and 3 previously recorded culturally modified (scarred) trees were investigated. The newly recorded sites include 2 culturally modified trees, 8 low-density artefact scatters, and 29 isolated finds. The undertaking of the impact assessment provided in the ACHAR concluded that there are 12 sites that would be impacted by the Project. The remaining 30 sites would be avoided; however, 6 sites would require temporary fencing to ensure they are not inadvertently impacted during the development of the Project.

HNSW notes that the ACHAR makes the following recommendations:



1. Following development consent of the Project, the Applicant would develop an Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Management Plan (ACHMP) which is to be agreed to by the RAPs and the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE) to manage Aboriginal cultural heritage associated with the Project. The ACHMP would also include an unanticipated finds protocol, unanticipated skeletal remains protocol, and long-term management of any Aboriginal objects within the Study Area.
2. Should development consent for the Project be granted, management strategies to manage and mitigate the impact of the Project would include:
  - Group 1 sites listed in Table 8-2 should be subject to the surface collection methodology outlined in Section 8.2.1
  - Group 2 sites listed in Table 8-3 should be subject to scarred tree relocation outlined in Section 8.2.2
  - Group 3 sites listed in Table 8-4 should be subject to fencing as outlined in Section 8.2.3.
3. All land-disturbing activities must be confined to within the Study Area or the approved TGO Mine Site. Should the parameters of the proposed work extend beyond this, then further archaeological assessment may be required

Heritage NSW concurs with all the recommendations documented in the ACHAR with respect to the management of Aboriginal cultural heritage. Should you require any further information, please contact Nicole Davis, Manager Assessments, Heritage NSW on 4927 3156 or [nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au](mailto:nicole.davis@environment.nsw.gov.au)

Yours sincerely

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